

PART III

Chapter I: Geography and Climate

131 The Colony of Aden is situated in latitude 12° 47' N. and longitude
36 45° 10' E., about 100 miles east of the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb on the
southern coast of Arabia. It comprises:

(a) The Peninsula on which are situated the main town known as
[7/2] Crater, the modern harbour suburb known as Tawahi, adjacent to
which is an area leased by the Township Authority to the Air Ministry
for Royal Air Force and military purposes, and known collectively as
Steamer Point but more particularly by the name of the spur of Jebel
Shaman, on which buildings have been constructed, and lastly the
Dhow Harbour and village of Maalla.

(b) The Isthmus known as Khormaksar.

(c) An area of land enclosing the modern harbour and extending
north and west to the Little Aden Peninsula. The villages of Sheikh
Othman, Hiswa, Imad, Burakha and Fukum (the last two on the
Little Aden Peninsula) are situated in this area, and it is on the Little
Aden Peninsula that the new refinery and township are being built.

(d) The island of Perim.

133 The Aden Peninsula is high, rocky and of volcanic formation;
504 Jebel Shaman, its summit, is 1,725 feet high, and there are some
361 turried peaks close to it. The harbour lies to the westward and north-
west of the Peninsula. Dwelling houses and shops are constructed on
the ridges of the mountain and in the valley between them where the
ground is normally level. Crater, the main and original town, is
situated at a distance of five miles from the modern harbour, and lies
in the extinct volcano on the east of the Peninsula.

508 The isthmus is a flat, sandy plain on which have been laid out the
aerodrome and lines of the Royal Air Force, the Aden Protectorate
• 367 Levy Lines, the Singapore Lines, the golf course and polo ground.
133 It is only 1,320 yards wide at its narrowest point near the Peninsula.

241 Cultivation occurs at Sheikh Othman in the form of a large vegetable
and fruit garden belonging to the Township Authority, and there are
245 some privately-owned date-palms there. Hiswa also has several
groves of palms, but with these exceptions there is no regular cul-
tivation in the Colony.

133 Perim Island, situated in the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, is here,
rocky and rather flat in appearance; its highest point, about a mile
134 northward at its southern extremity is 214 feet high. The surface of
the island is grooved with dry water-courses and covered with coarse
grass and stunted shrubs, the sub-soil being sand and conglomerate
coral. Perim Harbour and False Bay, a small shoal light, lie on the
504 southern side of the island. It possesses a good small harbour on the
south-west side, with an entrance 860 yards in breadth, and a small air
landing ground.